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SUBJECT: USG REPRESENTATION AT CANTON FAIR

REF: STATE 57704 (PARA 2)

1. PRCLO (CHI LI-TE, WHO HANDLES CONSULAR AFFAIRS, TELEPHONED EA/PRCM APRIL 4 TO SAY THAT THEY HAD NOTED THAT USLO OFFICIALS WOULD BE GOING TO THE CANTON FAIR AND THAT IT WOULD BE "INCONVENIENT TO ARRANGE" FOR HONG KONG CONGEN OFFICIALS TO ATTEND AS WELL. CHI DID NOT RESPOND TO A COMMENT THAT BOTH USLO AND CONGEN OFFICERS ATTENDED LAST FAIR.

2. WE ARE CONSIDERING WHETHER TO REQUEST PRC RECONSIDERATION. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS, INCLUDING (FOR USLO) LIKELIHOOD THAT REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION WOULD RESULT IN REVERSAL OF DECISION AND (FOR USLO AND HONG KONG) INITIAL THINKING ON CANTON FAIR ARRANGEMENTS IF CONGEN OFFICERS CANNOT ATTEND. RUSH

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